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3. IN DISCUSSION WITH PARK, YOU SHOULD ASSURE HIM THAT SECRETARY WILL STRONGLY REAFFIRM TO PRC LEADERS CONTINUING USG COMMITMENT TO THE SECURITY OF THE ROK AND OUR HOPE THAT PRC WILL IMPRESS UPON NORTH KOREA NEED TO AVOID ANY ADVENTURISM WHICH WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT SECURITY SITUATION ON KOREAN PENINSULA. AT THE SAME TIME WE WILL WISH TO IMPRESS UPON PRC OUR DESIRE TO PROMOTE STABILITY IN THE AREA BY FINDING SOME WAY TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS WHICH WOULD OFFER AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL PARTIES MOST IMMEDIATELY CONCERNED TO EXPLORE MORE PERMANENT AND PEACEFUL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE KOREAN PENINSULA.

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